important issue of Bihar. I do not know, with my weak eloquence and lack of forcefulness, whether I will be able to draw the attention of the Government. In fact, I waited for five or six days in the hope that some of the senior Members and some of the major political formations of this country will raise this issue.

This incident occurred on eleventh of this month in the village of Bathanitola of Bhojpur district of Bihar and - the entire nation should be shameful of the particular day - 21 persons belonging to *dalit* and Muslim community were killed. They were not only killed but butchered inhumanly by an outlawed organisation called Ranvir Sena of landlords. It is unfortunate that such an incident, such a heinous crime, could not draw the attention of the Government, where many of the political parties which constitute it declare their pious intention of social justice. But in their own State this incident of butchering of *dalits* and religious minority community has taken place. It has also failed to draw attention of major Opposition parties.

I draw the attention of the Government and hope that the Opposition parties will also condemn the incident and demand an explanation from the Government. There are three aspects of the incident. This incident occurred not during night or midnight but in day time, in the evening at 4 o' clock. The banned organisation Ranvir sena of landlords attacked the village inhabited by *dalits* and Muslims and killed 21 persons. I can understand it if there had been a fight, or there had been a war, or there had been a battle. But these people were butchared with choppers and only one person was killed by bullet.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please be brief.

DR. JAYANTA RONGPI : It is a very important matter. Out of 21 persons, 15 were women, 5 were children and only one adult male member was there Even the fingers and ears were chopped off.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please conclude.

DR JAYANTA RONGPI . Sir, I do not take much time usually I am finishing now. This was known to the administration.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You have already taken so much time. Please conclude now

DR. JAYANTA RONGPI : The District Magistrate was informed on 3rd July and 8th July, because similar attacks were planned on those two days in the same village. I request you to instruct the Government, the Home Minister, to give a statement on this incident and take immediate action against the DM and the SP of Bhojpur District of Bihar.

[Translation]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk, Delhi) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir, I have also given notice.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please sit down.

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : I shall not deliver a long speech and I will speak only for a minute.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I shall give chance to everyone. Please sit down.

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : It is the senior Member who get chance to speak most of the time. Please give a chance to us also.

SARDAR SURJIT SINGH BARNALA (Sangrur) . Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir, a multi-national company named Congentrix has been invited to set up a 1000 MW capacity power-house at South Canara Post but the decision has led to a big controversy. People of ten villages are worried. They have approached the High Court. Their writ is pending. No global tender was floated for this power house. Clearance neither from the Pollution Control Board nor from the Ministry of Environment has been obtained.

[English]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Sir, it is not an urgent matter.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA : It is an urgent matter. Those people are worried. They are going from pillar to post on this issue.

[Translation]

Those people are worried. Many villages engaged in fishing are affected. Many people will be affected if the project comes up there The fisheries will be destroyed. A very old rain forest is located there. If that project materialises there, that rain forest will be destroyed. The habitation there will also be affected. The ecological balance will change there They have not taken permission from any authority. Neither they have obtained permission from the Ministry of Environment nor from the State Government In such a situation the project is coming up there. Attention should be paid to these aspects. The name of the hon'ble Prime Minister is being involved in it I wish that his untainted image should not be spoiled

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (Ponnani) Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir, I want to raise a very serious issue related to human beings Thousands and thousands of people are apprehensive that they may be rendered homeless any time. Perhaps, Okhla or the whole of Batala House colony in Delhi will come in the grip of the demolition activity of the D.D.A Thousands of people are living there Anytime before 30th of the month the sword of D.D.A. demolition is hanging on their heads. These are not huts or jhuggis These are pucca houses ...*(Interruptions)* I went there...*(Interruptions)*

I went there and saw the situation. The people are asking whether the poor do not have a right to live or to have a shelter. The Delhi Government had prepared a list of 1071 unauthorised colonies and recommended that these colonies should be regularised. But till today

that recommendation is pending with the Central Government and approval from the Centre has not been accorded. All these poor are Muslims and perhaps for this reason, no importance has been given to them.

I therefore urge that action should be taken on this important matter. Order for the regularisation of these colonies should be issued and steps should be taken to safeguard them...*(Interruptions)* A delegation had met the hon'ble Prime Minister and requested to take action...*(Interruptions)* For how long will it continue? We talk of the welfare of the minorities inside the House but when it comes to the question of thousands of Muslims becoming homeless, no action is being taken. Therefore, immediate attention should be given to issue which concerns human beings. They should be saved, sanction for regularisation of their colony should be given and all measures should be taken to protect the colony from demolition...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (Kottayam) : Sir, this is the same issue.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) : Sir, this is the same issue, therefore he should get the opportunity.

[Translation]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, thousands of people will be rendered homeless. I have given notice to you. Please allow me to speak for a second...*(Interruptions)* These people have permanent ration cards and they have been living these for last thirty years. They also have their voters identity cards. Now an attempt is being made to render them homeless by issuing them notices. Their only fault is that all of them are Muslims. They want to uproot the residents with the sole aim of harassing the Muslims. there are so many unauthorised colonies in Delhi but there is no plan to uproot any of them. Just because the Muslims and the poor people are residing there that is why such an attitude is being adopted in their case...*(Interruptions)* The United Front Government is trying to uproot them by issuing notices...*(Interruptions)* Shri Paswan ji, please listen to me, this is a conspiracy to uproot the Muslim. They have been issued notices after your Government came to power...*(Interruptions)* They have pucca houses in that colony. This Government does not want to recognise that colony. I seek your protection. Please have mercy on the poor. They are also the citizens of India...*(Interruptions)* Please give them protection...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) : The Government should do something for them...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI VINAY KATIYAR (Faizabad) : Such a big scandal has taken place in Bihar but hon. Minister has not given any statement in this regard...*(Interruptions)*.

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV (Patna) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir...*(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : This is not going on record.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please sit down. This is not fair.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Will you please sit down?

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : Your party Government is there in Bihar. You should inquire into it...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV (Patna) : Your members are there in Lok Sabha, all of them belong to Bhartiya Janata Party...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : Your party is in power at both the places...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please listen to him.

[Translation]

Please listen to his reply. Please take your seats first.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the issue raised by hon. Member is not a Hindu-Muslim issue. I do not have any information about it. So far as his allegation against the Government is concerned that notices have been issued under present regime, I would like to state that last time when our party was in power in 1990, issue of slums particularly with regard to Delhi slums was raised and we had given unambiguous directives that the people residing in jhuggi-jhompadis would not be uprooted at any place...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : These are not jhuggis. They have pucca houses. That is not a jhuggi jhompadi area.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Just listen to me first.

Many people, not only from this area but from other areas also, had come to us also. Whatever the hon. Member has stated in this regard and the suggestion he has given...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MOHAN RAWALE (Mumbai South-Central) : All of them are ISI agents...*(Interruptions)* ISI agents are also living there...*(Interruptions)*

* Not Recorded.

[English]

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Sir, I wish to raise a very important issue.

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : All of you will get a chance. I will give a chance to all of you one by one.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (South Delhi) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would like to draw your attention to a very unfortunate incident. Today's Newspapers are carrying this distressing news very prominently. You must have read the news that day before yesterday, six tourists were killed by the terrorists in Srinagar.

This incident has belied the claims of the Government, that normalcy has returned in Kashmir and peace has been restored there. Out of these six tourists, three belonged to Jaipur, Rajasthan and three to Allahabad, UP. These six tourists were kidnapped from Dal Lake at 5.00 pm. In fact twelve persons were kidnapped but six were released around 10 p.m. The other six persons were kept hostages and it was said that they would be released in the morning. However they were shot dead in the darkness of the night.

This incident is very painful but more than that ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I shall give you a chance. You will get the chance to speak.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : I have also given a notice and you have allowed me to speak. My notice has been accepted.

More horrifying than the incident is the way the Government is assessing the situation in Kashmir and the manner in which it proposes to tackle the situation. The senior police officers have admitted that local and foreign terrorists have gathered in Dal Lake area. One of the hostages, who has survived, has given the statement that the kidnappers claimed to have been from police task force. The Government should have taken strong measures to tackle the situation and it should have chalked out a plan to deal with the terrorists firmly but instead of that the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, who has been elected from Kashmir itself, has given a statement that the time has come for the security forces to return to their barracks. We would welcome the day the army can be withdrawn from there. We will welcome the day the Kashmir refugees will be able to return to their homes but such a situation should be created first; such improvement should be brought about first and peace should be restored there first. But before creating such a situation if the Government keeps on giving such irresponsible statements, the situation would further deteriorate. The restraint and patience required for tackling a sensitive issue like Kashmir, appears to be missing in this Government. The Government should exercise restraint and patience while issuing statements and should try atleast not to worsen the situation with its statements.

Adequate compensation should be paid to the dependents of the tourists killed and the Government should exercise restraint so that such an incident may not recur.

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA (Jammu) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have also given a notice to raise the matter during zero hour which has been raised by Shrimati Sushma Swaraj. The Membes elected from J & K should have been given the opportunity to speak first.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : No such distinction is made.

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : I would like to say that situation has improved to a great extent after Lok Sabha elections in J & K. Pakistan and its allies do not want the situation to improve. This incident has occured because of the announcement made by Government to hold elections for Legislative Assembly in September. They want to stop the election process at all costs. I demand that in order to maintain the improvement registered in the situation of J & K, strong measures be undertaken by the Government to control the activities of terrorists. The police and military forces should be given full authority to check such activities. The tourists from our country and abroad are coming to the valley on being assured about the improvement in situation. I regret to state that the State Government, does not pay any attention to them, and does not give them proper security. The tourists should be allowed to visit those areas which are peaceful and safe. It seems as if the Government does not have complete control over same areas. The atmosphere created in favour of India and the conducive atmosphere to hold elections should not be allowed to deteriorate and the Government should take steps to bring peace there.

The families of the tourists from Jaipur and Allahabad should be given adequate compensation and better atmosphere should be created so that the tourism industry of the area does not get ruined. This tourist industry has been lying closed fro the past five-six years whereas most of the people there depend on this industry. Now the situation is becoming normal and people have started coming to the valley. Such incidents cause much harm, hence the Government should pay attention to it.

SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS (Sitapur) : Hon. Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw your attention once again towards the subject that has been discussed in the House earlier also. The Electricity Board of Uttar Pradesh is mired in terrorism...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA (Jaipur) : I should also be given the opportunity to speak as three people belonging to Jaipur city have been murdered.

SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Ambedkar Scheme was started in Uttar Pradesh and it was decided that